

**Before the
FEDERAL COMMUNICATIONS COMMISSION
Washington, D.C. 20554**

In the Matter of)	
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Connect America Fund)	WC Docket No. 10-90
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**REPLY COMMENTS OF ARCTIC SLOPE TELEPHONE ASSOCIATION
COOPERATIVE, INC. CONCERNING POTENTIALLY UNSERVED CENSUS
BLOCKS**

January 23, 2013

Arctic Slope Telephone Association Cooperative, Inc. (“ASTAC”) files its Reply Comments in this proceeding pursuant to the *Public Notice* issued by the Federal Communications Commission (“Commission”) on December 10, 2012 seeking comment on the Commission’s updates to its list of potentially unserved census blocks in price cap areas. While ASTAC recognizes that the focus in the Public Notice is on price cap carriers, we nonetheless examined both the National Broadband Map and the csv file from the FCC website. While the csv file correctly lists all of our census blocks and appears to recognize they are unserved in their entirety (assuming a value of 1 in binary in the *Unserved* column equals yes), the National Broadband Map does not match the csv file. It does not show ASTAC’s census blocks, and in fact, most of remote rural Alaska as unserved. For local exchange carriers dependent on satellite middle mile transport, it is inconceivable that either satellite capacity or cost would allow for true broadband.

With an abundance of caution, we reserve the right to inspect the file/map further should questions or issues arise at some future date that could affect USF support due to the incongruent data sets for the ASTAC study area.

Respectfully,

/s/

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